(*d* & *e*) In view of the answer to part (c) these questions do not arise.

(*f*) 1881 saplings and 5680 saplings yielding 10,288 Cft.

(*g*) As far as possible.

(*h*) It has been used for fence, posts, etc.

(*i*) Nil.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from Government the area covered by the plantation?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: About 111 acres.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the percentage of trees cut?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: I claim notice, Sir.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the purpose for which it was done?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: It was done for various purposes.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Is there any special purpose to mention?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: To be used as telephone posts etc.

Appointments made by Mr. Kamesam.

275 ***MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of appointments made by Mr. Kamesam under him;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased lay on the table statement by caste of appointments made by him hitherto,

(*c*) whether any non-Travancorean was appointed by him;

(*d*) whether all appointments made by him were in consultation with the Public Service Commissioner;

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the negative, were they made with the sanction of Government; and

(*f*) if so, why the deviation in rules of recruitment in Public Service?

MR. S. KAMESAM: (*Director of Development*): (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (a) (*c*) No.

(*d* & *e*) The appointments in the Development Department were made either by the Public Service Commissioner or Government.

(*f*) This does not arise in view of answer to parts (*d* & *e*)

Mining Companies or Firms in Travancore.

276. ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of mining companies or firms carrying on operations in Travancore with their names and the nature of the business carried on by each of them;

(*b*) the names of the minerals extracted by such companies or firms and the quantities extracted in 1113 and 1112; and

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